

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 7:35 AM on Friday, September 30, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Stradtner.

**UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:**

Rick Stradtner – Chairman  
Adam Auffart – Secretary  
Wayne Schuetter – Electric Commissioner  
Roger Seng – Water Commissioner  
Alex Emmons – Wastewater Commissioner  
Michael Kern – Gas Commissioner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Tim Doersam – Gas & Water Manager  
Ed Hollinden – Wastewater Manager  
Bud Hauersperger- General Manager  
Ashley Kiefer – Office Manager

**ABSENT:**

Keith Masterson – Vice Chairman  
Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager  
Renee Kabrick – City Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (DVD-04:53)

Chairman Rick Stradtner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PURPA PLAN** (DVD-05:20)

Chairman Stradtner stated the reason for the Special Meeting was to take action on the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) Implementation Plan with Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA).

General Manager of Utilities, Bud Hauersperger, said that a letter was received from IMPA in late July or early August asking the Jasper Municipal Electric Utility to adopt IMPA's PURPA Implementation Plan. The letter and plan have been under legal review for the past couple of months by the City Attorney and with outside counsel. After much discussion with the Electric

Committee, the City's attorneys, and IMPA's legal counsel, a couple of changes have been made to the letter.

The clause, "However, it is specifically noted that Jasper may opt out of the Plan at any time it deems necessary, with appropriate notice to FERC. Accordingly, Jasper Municipal Electric Utility has adopted the Plan as one of its policies and agrees to abide by the Plan's provisions until such time as it would determine to opt out of the Plan." was added to the end of the letter.

Hauersperger said the addition of this clause is better than being able to opt out in 5 years, as was discussed as a possibility to present to IMPA, at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Utility Service Board Meeting. It is as simple as sending a letter to FERC if the Jasper Municipal Electric Utility wants to opt out of the IMPA PURPA Implementation Plan.

Chairman Stradtner reminded everyone that by signing this letter we are giving IMPA the right to serve as our agent to purchase all energy, including that from a QF (Qualifying Facility), should one be built in our area. It now also gives us an opt out capability by notifying FERC.

Wayne Schuetter made a motion to sign the letter from IMPA to adopt the IMPA PURPA Implementation Plan. Alex Emmons seconded the motion.

Michael Kern asked if IMPA could come back and file a lawsuit if the Jasper Municipal Electric Utility opted out of the IMPA PURPA Implementation Plan, since our full-requirements contract with IMPA states that all power must be purchased from IMPA. Hauersperger stated that the full-requirements contract would still have to be dealt with, but the opt-out clause gives the Jasper Municipal Electric Utility more flexibility.

Motion approved, 6-0.

Councilwoman Nancy Eckerle asked what "appropriate notice to FERC" meant in the letter. Hauersperger responded that it meant that the Jasper Municipal Electric Utility would need to send a letter to FERC saying we wanted to opt out of the IMPA PURPA Implementation Plan. Wayne Schuetter said the specifics about how to opt out would be covered under the FERC regulations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47AM upon motion by Alex Emmons and second by Michael Kern. Motion approved, 6-0.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Chairman